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PROVISIONAL ELECTION

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-18 are subject to restriction.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute invention I, drawn to a valved connector. Currently, claims 1-4, 7-13 and 16-18 read on the elected valved connector invention.

Claims 5, 6, 14, 15 and 19 are withdrawn from consideration. However, applicant reserves the right to resubmit these claims for consideration if a generic claim is allowed. Currently, claims 1 and 13 are generic.